



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 7

11201 Renner Boulevard

Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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Mr. Perry Winkler
Plant Manager
Big Ox Energy- Siouxland, LLC
1616 D Ave.
Dakota City, Nebraska 68731

RE: Big Ox Energy- Siouxland, LLC
Case Number: 17NE0213

Dear Mr. Winkler:

On February 13, 2017, a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 inspected your Siouxland, Nebraska facility. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with the Clean Air Act section 112r, specifically with the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions, 40 C.F.R. Part 68, General Duty Clause, The Emergency Planning Community – Right – To Know Act (EPCRA), as well as other applicable statutes and regulations. Please find enclosed a hard copy of the inspection report and a disc containing a copy of the documents collected during the inspection.

The questions below are provided to assist you if you choose to submit a written response to the EPA regarding the preliminary findings identified in the inspection report. This is an opportunity for you to provide to the EPA any information that you believe is relevant to these preliminary findings and your efforts to return to compliance with the regulatory requirements. EPA will consider information submitted by you in determining our enforcement response to the findings identified at your facility.

The following types of information assist the EPA in determining whether your facility has satisfactorily addressed the findings:

1. Description of any actions taken by your facility to correct the findings identified in the inspection report and/or a schedule for completing the necessary corrective actions for each numbered finding, including the date the finding was corrected.
2. Photos of corrected findings, where applicable (for example, photographs of properly labeled piping), indicating the number of the finding to which the photo corresponds.
3. If applicable, any receipt, bill of sale, authorization for expenditure, or paid-in-full notification to verify that findings were corrected, indicating the number of the finding to which this documentation corresponds.



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4. If different or new procedures are put in place to prevent the same or similar findings, descriptions of those procedures.

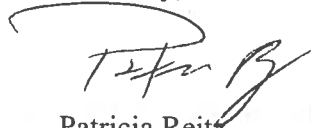
If you wish to submit information to the EPA, please mail your response to:

Dave Hensley
AWMD/CORP
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219

The EPA encourages you to take prompt action to ensure that the violations are corrected and that you remain in compliance in the future. Please be aware that the EPA reserves its right to pursue appropriate enforcement actions, including penalties, for findings discovered as a result of the inspection, regardless of whether the findings were subsequently corrected. Please note that penalties may continue to accrue as long as the violations remain uncorrected.

If there are any questions regarding this report or actions that you may want to take, please contact Dave Hensley at (913) 551-7768 or at Hensley.Dave@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Patricia Reitz
Environmental Engineer
Chemical and Oil Release Prevention Branch
Air and Waste Management Division

Enclosure